

Table 12. Percent of Persons 25 Years Old and Over Who Have Completed High School or College, by Race, Hispanic Origin and Sex: Selected Years 1940 to 1987

(Noninstitutional population. For meaning of symbols, see text)

Year and age	All races			White			Black ¹			Hispanic origin ²		
	Both sexes	Male	Female	Both sexes	Male	Female	Both sexes	Male	Female	Both sexes	Male	Female
25 YEARS OLD AND OVER												
Completed 4 Years of High School or More												
1987.....	75.6	76.0	75.3	77.0	77.3	76.7	63.4	63.0	63.7	50.9	51.8	50.0
1986.....	74.7	75.1	74.4	76.2	76.5	75.9	62.3	61.5	63.0	48.5	49.2	47.8
1985.....	73.9	74.4	73.5	75.5	76.0	75.1	59.8	58.4	60.8	47.9	48.5	47.4
1984.....	73.3	73.7	73.0	75.0	75.4	74.6	58.5	57.1	59.7	47.1	48.6	45.7
1983.....	72.1	72.7	71.5	73.8	74.4	73.3	56.8	56.5	57.1	46.2	48.6	44.2
1982.....	71.0	71.7	70.3	72.8	73.4	72.3	54.9	55.7	54.3	45.9	48.1	44.1
1981.....	69.7	70.3	69.1	71.6	72.1	71.2	52.9	53.2	52.6	44.5	45.5	43.6
1980 ³	68.6	69.1	68.1	70.5	71.0	70.2	51.2	51.0	51.4	44.5	44.9	44.2
1980 ⁴	68.6	69.2	68.1	70.5	71.0	70.1	51.2	51.1	51.3	45.3	46.4	44.1
1979.....	67.7	68.4	67.1	69.7	70.3	69.2	49.4	49.2	49.5	42.0	42.3	41.7
1978.....	65.9	66.8	65.2	67.9	68.6	67.2	47.6	47.9	47.3	40.8	42.2	39.6
1977.....	64.9	65.6	64.4	67.0	67.5	66.5	45.5	45.6	45.4	39.6	42.3	37.2
1976.....	64.1	64.7	63.5	66.1	66.7	65.5	43.8	42.3	45.0	39.3	41.4	37.3
1975.....	62.5	63.1	62.1	64.5	65.0	64.1	42.5	41.6	43.3	37.9	39.5	36.7
1974.....	61.2	61.6	60.9	63.3	63.6	63.0	40.8	39.9	41.5	36.5	38.3	34.9
1973.....	59.8	60.0	59.6	61.9	62.1	61.7	39.2	38.2	40.1	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
1972.....	58.2	58.2	58.2	60.4	60.3	60.5	36.6	35.7	37.2	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
1971.....	56.4	56.3	56.6	58.6	58.4	58.8	34.7	33.8	35.4	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
1970.....	55.2	55.0	55.4	57.4	57.2	57.6	33.7	32.4	34.8	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
1969.....	54.0	53.6	54.4	56.3	55.7	56.7	32.3	31.9	32.6	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
1968.....	52.6	52.0	53.2	54.9	54.3	55.5	30.1	28.9	31.0	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
1967.....	51.1	50.5	51.7	53.4	52.8	53.8	29.5	27.1	31.5	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
1966.....	49.9	49.0	50.8	52.2	51.3	53.0	27.8	25.8	29.5	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
1965.....	49.0	48.0	49.9	51.3	50.2	52.2	27.2	25.8	28.4	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
1964.....	48.0	47.0	48.9	50.3	49.3	51.2	25.7	23.7	27.4	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
1962.....	46.3	45.0	47.5	48.7	47.4	49.9	24.8	23.2	26.2	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
1959.....	43.7	42.2	45.2	46.1	44.5	47.7	20.7	19.6	21.6	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
1957.....	41.6	39.7	43.3	43.2	41.1	45.1	18.4	16.9	19.7	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
1952.....	38.8	36.9	40.5	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	15.0	14.0	15.7	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
1950.....	34.3	32.6	36.0	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	13.7	12.5	14.7	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
1947.....	33.1	31.4	34.7	35.0	33.2	36.7	13.6	12.7	14.5	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
1940.....	24.5	22.7	26.3	26.1	24.2	28.1	7.7	6.9	8.4	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
1940 ⁵	(x)	(x)	(x)	(x)	(x)	(x)	7.3	6.4	8.3	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Completed 4 Years of College or More												
1987.....	19.9	23.6	16.5	20.5	24.5	16.9	10.7	11.0	10.4	8.6	9.7	7.5
1986.....	19.4	23.2	16.1	20.1	24.1	16.4	10.9	11.2	10.7	8.4	9.5	7.4
1985.....	19.4	23.1	16.0	20.0	24.0	16.3	11.1	11.2	11.0	8.5	9.7	7.3
1984.....	19.1	22.9	15.7	19.8	23.9	16.0	10.4	10.4	10.4	8.2	9.5	7.0
1983.....	18.8	23.0	15.1	19.5	24.0	15.4	9.5	10.0	9.2	7.9	9.2	6.8
1982.....	17.7	21.9	14.0	18.5	23.0	14.4	8.8	9.1	8.5	7.8	9.6	6.2
1981.....	17.1	21.1	13.4	17.8	22.2	13.8	8.2	8.2	8.2	7.7	9.7	5.9
1980 ³	17.0	20.8	13.5	17.8	22.0	14.0	7.9	7.6	8.1	7.6	9.2	6.2
1980 ⁴	17.0	20.9	13.6	17.8	22.1	14.0	7.9	7.7	8.1	7.9	9.7	6.2
1979.....	16.4	20.4	12.9	17.2	21.4	13.3	7.9	8.3	7.5	6.7	8.2	5.3
1978.....	15.7	19.7	12.2	16.4	20.7	12.6	7.2	7.3	7.1	7.0	8.6	5.7
1977.....	15.4	19.2	12.0	16.1	20.2	12.4	7.2	7.0	7.4	6.2	8.1	4.4
1976.....	14.7	18.6	11.3	15.4	19.6	11.6	6.6	6.3	6.8	6.1	8.6	4.0
1975.....	13.9	17.6	10.6	14.5	18.4	11.0	6.4	6.7	6.2	6.3	8.3	4.6
1974.....	13.3	16.9	10.1	14.0	17.7	10.6	5.5	5.7	5.3	5.5	7.1	4.0
1973.....	12.6	16.0	9.6	13.1	16.8	9.9	6.0	5.9	6.0	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
1972.....	12.0	15.4	9.0	12.6	16.2	9.4	5.1	5.5	4.8	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
1971.....	11.4	14.6	8.5	12.0	15.5	8.9	4.5	4.7	4.3	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)

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Year and age	All races			White			Black ¹			Hispanic origin ²		
	Both sexes	Male	Female	Both sexes	Male	Female	Both sexes	Male	Female	Both sexes	Male	Female
25 YEARS OLD AND OVER—Con.												
Completed 4 Years of College or More—Con.												
1970.....	11.0	14.1	8.2	11.6	15.0	8.6	4.5	4.6	4.4	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
1969.....	10.7	13.6	8.1	11.2	14.3	8.5	4.6	4.8	4.5	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
1968.....	10.5	13.3	8.0	11.0	14.1	8.3	4.3	3.7	4.8	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
1967.....	10.1	12.8	7.6	10.6	13.6	7.9	4.0	3.4	4.4	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
1966.....	9.8	12.5	7.4	10.4	13.3	7.7	3.8	3.9	3.7	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
1965.....	9.4	12.0	7.1	9.9	12.7	7.3	4.7	4.9	4.5	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
1964.....	9.1	11.7	6.8	9.6	12.3	7.1	3.9	4.5	3.4	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
1962.....	8.9	11.4	6.7	9.5	12.2	7.0	4.0	3.9	4.0	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
1959.....	8.1	10.3	6.0	8.6	11.0	6.2	3.3	3.8	2.9	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
1957.....	7.6	9.6	5.8	8.0	10.1	6.0	2.9	2.7	3.0	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
1952.....	7.0	8.3	5.8	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	2.4	2.0	2.7	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
1950.....	6.2	7.3	5.2	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	2.3	2.1	2.4	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
1947.....	5.4	6.2	4.7	5.7	6.6	4.9	2.5	2.4	2.6	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
1940.....	4.6	5.5	3.8	4.9	5.9	4.0	1.3	1.4	1.2	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
1940 ⁵	(x)	(x)	(x)	(x)	(x)	(x)	1.3	1.3	1.2	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
25 TO 29 YEARS OLD												
Completed 4 Years of High School or More												
1987.....	86.0	85.5	86.4	86.3	85.6	87.0	83.3	84.8	82.1	59.8	58.6	61.0
1986.....	86.1	85.9	86.4	86.5	85.6	87.4	83.4	86.5	80.6	59.1	58.2	60.0
1985.....	86.1	85.9	86.4	86.8	86.4	87.3	80.6	80.8	80.4	60.9	58.6	63.1
1984.....	85.9	85.6	86.3	86.9	86.8	87.0	78.9	75.9	81.5	58.6	56.8	60.2
1983.....	86.0	86.0	86.0	86.9	86.9	86.9	79.4	78.9	79.8	58.3	57.8	58.9
1982.....	86.2	86.3	86.1	86.9	87.0	86.8	80.9	80.5	81.3	60.9	60.7	61.2
1981.....	86.3	86.5	86.1	87.6	87.6	87.6	77.3	78.4	76.4	59.8	59.1	60.4
1980 ⁵	85.6	85.6	85.6	87.0	86.9	87.1	76.9	75.7	77.9	58.0	57.0	58.9
1980 ⁴	85.4	85.4	85.5	86.9	86.8	87.0	76.6	74.8	78.1	58.6	58.3	58.8
1979.....	85.6	86.3	84.9	87.0	87.7	86.4	74.8	73.9	75.4	57.0	55.5	58.5
1978.....	85.3	86.0	84.6	86.3	86.8	85.8	77.3	78.5	76.3	56.6	58.5	54.7
1977.....	85.4	86.6	84.2	86.8	87.6	86.0	74.4	77.5	72.0	58.1	62.1	54.8
1976.....	84.7	86.0	83.5	85.9	87.3	84.6	73.8	72.5	74.9	58.1	57.6	58.4
1975.....	83.1	84.5	81.8	84.4	85.7	83.2	71.0	72.2	70.1	51.7	51.1	52.1
1974.....	81.9	83.1	80.8	83.4	84.1	82.7	68.2	71.1	66.0	52.5	55.1	49.9
1973.....	80.2	80.6	79.8	82.0	82.4	81.6	64.2	63.1	64.9	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
1972.....	79.8	80.5	79.2	81.5	82.3	80.8	64.1	61.8	66.2	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
1971.....	77.2	78.1	76.4	79.5	80.8	78.3	57.5	54.1	60.7	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
1970.....	75.4	76.6	74.2	77.8	79.2	76.4	56.2	54.5	57.9	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
1969.....	74.7	75.6	73.8	77.0	77.5	76.6	55.8	59.8	52.3	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
1968.....	73.2	73.7	72.7	75.3	75.5	75.0	55.8	58.1	53.6	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
1967.....	72.5	72.1	72.9	74.8	74.3	75.3	53.4	51.7	55.0	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
1966.....	71.0	70.9	71.2	73.8	73.2	74.4	47.9	48.9	47.0	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
1965.....	70.3	70.5	70.1	72.8	72.7	72.8	50.3	50.3	50.4	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
1964.....	69.2	68.8	69.5	72.1	71.8	72.4	45.0	41.6	47.9	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
1962.....	65.9	65.8	66.1	69.2	69.2	69.3	41.6	38.9	43.8	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
1959.....	63.9	63.9	64.0	67.2	66.9	67.4	39.5	40.6	38.6	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
1957.....	60.2	57.9	62.4	63.3	60.7	65.7	31.6	27.4	35.2	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
1952.....	57.1	55.3	58.7	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	28.1	27.9	28.3	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
1950.....	52.8	50.6	55.0	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	23.6	21.3	25.5	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
1947.....	51.4	49.4	53.3	54.9	52.9	56.8	22.3	19.6	24.7	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
1940.....	38.1	36.0	40.1	41.2	38.9	43.4	12.3	10.6	13.6	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
1940 ⁵	(x)	(x)	(x)	(x)	(x)	(x)	11.6	9.8	13.2	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)

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1987.....	22.0	22.3	21.7	23.0	23.3	22.8	11.4	11.6	11.1	8.7	9.2	8.2
1986.....	22.4	22.9	21.9	23.5	24.1	22.9	11.8	10.1	13.3	9.0	8.9	9.1
1985.....	22.2	23.1	21.3	23.2	24.2	22.2	11.5	10.3	12.6	11.1	10.9	11.2
1984.....	21.9	23.2	20.7	23.1	24.3	21.9	11.6	12.9	10.5	10.6	9.6	11.6
1983.....	22.5	23.9	21.1	23.4	25.0	21.8	12.9	13.1	12.8	10.4	9.6	11.1
1982.....	21.7	23.3	20.2	22.7	24.5	20.9	12.6	11.8	13.2	9.7	10.7	8.7
1981.....	21.3	23.1	19.6	22.4	24.3	20.5	11.6	12.1	11.1	7.5	8.6	6.5
1980 ³	22.5	24.1	20.9	23.7	25.5	21.9	11.7	10.7	12.5	7.7	8.4	6.9
1980 ⁴	22.5	24.0	21.0	23.7	25.5	22.0	11.6	10.5	12.5	7.7	8.4	6.9
1979.....	23.1	25.6	20.5	24.3	27.1	21.5	12.4	13.3	11.7	7.3	7.9	6.8
1978.....	23.3	26.0	20.6	24.5	27.6	21.4	11.8	10.7	12.6	9.6	9.6	9.7
1977.....	24.0	27.0	21.1	25.3	28.5	22.1	12.6	12.8	12.4	6.7	7.2	6.4
1976.....	23.7	27.5	20.1	24.6	28.7	20.6	13.0	12.0	13.6	7.4	10.3	4.8
1975.....	21.9	25.1	18.7	22.8	26.3	19.4	10.7	11.4	10.1	8.8	10.0	7.3
1974.....	20.7	23.9	17.6	22.0	25.3	18.8	7.9	8.8	7.2	5.7	7.2	4.6
1973.....	19.0	21.6	16.4	19.9	22.8	17.0	8.1	7.1	8.8	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
1972.....	19.0	22.0	16.0	19.9	23.1	16.7	8.3	7.1	9.4	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
1971.....	16.9	20.1	13.8	17.9	21.3	14.6	6.4	6.4	6.5	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
1970.....	16.4	20.0	12.9	17.3	21.3	13.3	7.3	6.7	8.0	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
1969.....	16.0	19.4	12.8	17.0	20.6	13.4	6.7	8.1	5.5	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
1968.....	14.7	18.0	11.6	15.6	19.1	12.3	5.3	5.3	5.3	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
1967.....	14.6	17.2	12.1	15.5	18.3	12.7	5.4	4.2	6.3	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
1966.....	14.0	16.8	11.3	14.7	17.9	11.8	5.9	5.4	6.4	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
1965.....	12.4	15.6	9.5	13.0	16.4	9.8	6.8	7.3	6.8	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
1964.....	12.8	16.6	9.2	13.6	17.5	9.9	5.5	7.5	3.9	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
1962.....	13.1	17.2	9.2	14.3	18.7	10.0	4.2	5.7	3.0	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
1959.....	11.1	14.8	7.6	11.9	15.9	8.1	4.6	5.6	3.7	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
1957.....	10.4	13.5	7.5	11.1	14.5	7.8	4.1	3.3	5.0	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
1952.....	10.1	13.8	6.7	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	4.6	3.2	5.8	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
1950.....	7.7	9.6	5.9	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	2.9	2.4	3.2	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
1947.....	5.6	5.8	5.4	5.9	6.2	5.7	2.8	2.6	2.9	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
1940.....	5.9	6.9	4.9	6.4	7.5	5.3	1.6	1.5	1.7	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
1940 ⁵	(x)	(x)	(x)	(x)	(x)	(x)	1.6	1.5	1.7	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)

¹Data are for Black and other races for 1940 to 1962; for 1963 to 1986, data are for Black persons only.²Persons of Hispanic origin may be of any race.³Controlled to 1980 Census base.⁴Controlled to 1970 Census base.⁵Black only.

Source: 1947, and 1975 to 1986 March Current Population Survey, (noninstitutional population, excluding members of the Armed Forces living in barracks) 1950 Census of Population and 1940 Census of Population (resident population).